

African Astronomical Society
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Dear Professor Oluseyi,

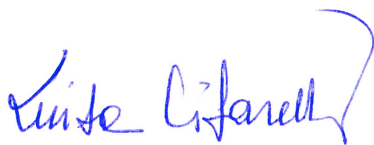
The Delegates present at Council Meeting of the European Physical Society (1-2 April 2011), consisting of 41 European physical societies as well as representatives from all fields of physics welcomed without reservation the creation of the African Astronomical Society. As President of the EPS, I would like to extend my personal congratulations to the founders of the African Astronomical Society for their vision and hard work in making your society a reality.

Regional physical societies, like the AfAS and the EPS play an important role in coordinating common initiatives in many scientific activities that benefit from international cooperation: conferences, education, publication, professional development and communication. Our societies also channel input into science policy debates by federating common viewpoints from its members. The EPS and the European Astronomical Society have very good relations, and cooperate in the organisation of conferences and communication. We hope we can also establish common activities with the AfAS.

The EPS strongly supports the vision of the AfAS to be "...the voice of the astronomy profession in Africa in order to promote and support research on the continent, and to facilitate the use of astronomy in addressing the challenges faced by Africa."

The European Physical Society wishes the African Astronomical Society success in its mission and looks forward to our future collaboration.

Best regards,



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